

Country press pack

The EU and Morocco

Progress in relations – ENP Progress Report 2009

The year 2009 was an important year that saw the strengthening of the partnership between the EU and Morocco within the framework of the **Advanced Status**, agreed in October 2008 and setting out an ambitious roadmap for the progressive and sustained development of bilateral relations. Positive results were achieved, especially in the area of political dialogue, and two out of the four ongoing bilateral negotiations were finalised in 2009 – those on the settlement of commercial disputes and on trade in agricultural, processed agricultural and fishery products.

The **EU-Morocco Summit** held in March 2010 in Grenada – the first ever between the EU and an Arab country – crowned a year that had been rich in achievements. The **challenge for 2010** is to translate into concrete achievements the many commitments made within the framework of the Advanced Status, in particular in bringing regulatory frameworks closer and in implementing the many reforms announced, especially the justice reform launched in 2009, which is essential both to strengthen the state of law, and to improve the business climate.

The EU is Morocco's first trading partner (accounting for 58% of all of its commercial exchanges in 2008). The impact of the economic crisis in Europe led to a 22.6% reduction of Moroccan imports to the EU in 2009, while imports from the EU fell by 17.6%, compared to 2008.

2009 Morocco country progress report

http://ec.europa.eu/world/enp/pdf/progress2010/sec10_521_fr.pdf

Morocco National Indicative Programme (NIP)

The overall budget for bilateral EU assistance to Morocco in the framework of the ENPI will amount to **€580.5 million for 2011-2013**, according to the NIP.

The five priority areas defined by the CSP for the years 2007-2013 are:

- Development of social policies;
- Economic modernisation;
- Institutional support;
- Good governance and human rights;
- Environmental protection.

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EU Delegation – Morocco

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Joint document on establishing Morocco's advanced status - October 2008 (FR only)

<http://www.delmar.ec.europa.eu/fr/communiqués/pdf/20090303.pdf>

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EU-Morocco Association Agreement

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ENPI Morocco Strategy Paper 2007-2013

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Bilateral projects

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DG Trade – EU and Morocco

http://ec.europa.eu/trade/creating-opportunities/bilateral-relations/countries/morocco/index_en.htm

DG Trade – Morocco statistics

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European Investment Bank – unprecedented support to Morocco in 2009

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